

**SENATE BILL NO. 2116  
with House Amendments**

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

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Introduced by

Judiciary Committee

(At the request of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact subsection 8 to section 12-47-21 and a new subsection to  
2 section 12-47-36 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to wireless electronic  
3 communications devices on or within premises under the control of the department of  
4 corrections and rehabilitation and records of offenders; to amend and reenact subsection 7 of  
5 section 12-47-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of contraband; to  
6 repeal section 12-47-38 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to contracting with county  
7 jails to house female prisoners; to provide a penalty; and to declare an emergency.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

9 **SECTION 1.** Subsection 8 to section 12-47-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
10 created and enacted as follows:

11 8. a. It is unlawful for a penitentiary inmate to willfully manufacture, possess, or use  
12 a wireless electronic communications device on or within any premises under  
13 the control of the department of corrections and rehabilitation or any of its  
14 divisions except for law enforcement purposes.

15 b. It is unlawful for any person to willfully deliver, or possess with intent to  
16 deliver, a wireless electronic communications device to a penitentiary inmate  
17 or to any person for redelivery to a penitentiary inmate, or to allow a  
18 penitentiary inmate to possess or use a wireless electronic communications  
19 device, on or within any premises under the control of the department of  
20 corrections and rehabilitation or any of its divisions except for law  
21 enforcement purposes.

22 c. A violation of this subsection is a class C felony.

23 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 7 of section 12-47-21 of the North Dakota  
24 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1           7. As used in this section, "controlled substance" is as defined in subsection 6 of  
2 section 19-03.1-01 and includes counterfeit substances as defined in subsection 7  
3 of section 19-03.1-01. As used in this section, "willfully" is as defined in section  
4 12.1-02-02. As used in this section, "alcohol" and "alcoholic beverage" are as  
5 defined in section 5-01-01. As used in this section, "tobacco" means any form of  
6 tobacco, including cigarettes, cigars, snuff, or tobacco in any form in which it may  
7 be used for smoking or chewing. As used in this section, a wireless electronic  
8 communications device includes a cellular telephone, personal digital assistant,  
9 pager, mobile broadband card, internet router, digital camera, two-way radio,  
10 modem, or any other electronic device capable of wireless transmission, reception,  
11 interception, or storage of oral communications, text, electronic mail, video or  
12 photograph images, data signals, or radio communications, and also includes a  
13 component of a wireless electronic device, regardless whether the component  
14 itself is able to transmit, store, or receive oral communications, text, electronic  
15 mail, video or photograph images, data signals, or radio communications. A  
16 wireless electronic communications device does not include a medically prescribed  
17 device or any other device approved by the department.

18           **SECTION 3.** A new subsection to section 12-47-36 of the North Dakota Century Code  
19 is created and enacted as follows:

20           The medical, psychological, and treatment records of the department relating to  
21 persons in the custody or under the supervision and management of the division of  
22 adult services of the department of corrections and rehabilitation may be disclosed  
23 for the purpose of conducting research and educational activities. A person  
24 conducting research or educational activities may not redisclose identifying  
25 information received under this subsection.

26           **SECTION 4. REPEAL.** Section 12-47-38 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
27 repealed.

28           **SECTION 5. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.